

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER2402 Michelson Drive
Suite 210
Irvine, CA 92612T: 949-752-7040
F: 949-752-7049

JUL 26 2005

MacPherson Kwok Chen & Heid LLP

Date:	July 26, 2005		
To:	U.S. Patent and Trademark Office	Fax Telephone #:	571-273-8300
		Office Telephone #:	
From:	David S. Park	Date Sent:	
Subject:	Applicant: Harmesh K. Saini Serial No. 10/655,966	Time Sent:	
Client/File:	M-15242 US	Fax Operator:	

This transmittal consists of 6 total page(s), including this cover sheet.

Message:

If you do not receive all pages, please call (949) 752-7040

THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FACSIMILE MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL USE OF THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT(S) NAMED ABOVE. THIS MESSAGE MAY BE AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION, AND AS SUCH IS PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL. IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT OR AN AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING IT TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS DOCUMENT IN ERROR AND THAT ANY REVIEW, DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS MESSAGE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS COMMUNICATION IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO US BY MAIL. THANK YOU.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Applicant: Harmesh K. Saini

Assignee: Metara, Inc.

JUL 26 2005

Title: Electrodialysis Method and Apparatus for Trace Metal Analysis

Application No.: 10/655,966

Filing Date: 09/05/2003

Examiner: Joseph Drodge

Group Art Unit: 1723

Docket No.: M-15242 US

Confirmation No.: 8910

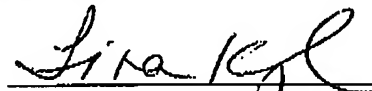
Irvine, California
July 26, 2005

FAX NO. (571) 273-8300

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1405
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that the following Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages) and PTO/SB/08A (1 page) with two (2) cited references are being facsimile transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Dated: July 26, 2005


Tina KavanaughMacPherson Kwok Chen & Heid LLP
1762 Technology Drive
Suite 226
San Jose, California 95110
Telephone: (949) 752-7040
Fax: (408) 392-9262LAW OFFICES OF
MACPHERSON KWOK CHEN
& HEID LLP1762 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE
SUITE 226
SAN JOSE, CA 95110
(949) 752-7040
FAX (408) 392-9262

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

Applicants: Harmesh K. Saini

Assignee: Metara, Inc.

JUL 26 2005

Title: Electrodialysis Method and Apparatus for Trace Metal Analysis

Application No.: 10/655,966

Filing Date: 09/05/2003

Examiner: Joseph Drodge

Group Art Unit: 1723

Docket No.: M-15242 US

Confirmation No.: 8910

Irvine, California
July 27, 2005Mail Stop Amendment
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56**

Sir:

It is requested that the information identified in this statement be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application. This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Enclosed with this statement are the following:

- ☒ Form PTO/SB/08A. The Examiner is requested to initial the form and return it to the undersigned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.
- ☒ A copy of each cited document as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (*except where otherwise indicated for a specific citation*).

Complete copies are not submitted of U.S. applications per 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), and copies are not submitted of documents already cited or submitted in a parent application from which benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed per 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). If any of the cited/submitted documents is in a foreign language, a concise explanation of relevancy is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). For foreign language documents cited in a search report by a foreign patent office, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the submission herewith of an English language version of the search report. 57 F.R. 2021 (1/17/92). If a written

LAW OFFICES OF
MinPhyssen, Kwak, Chen &
Tye LLP
1763 Technology Drive
Suite 220
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone (408) 392-8520
Fax (408) 392-9262

- 1 -

Serial No. 10/655,966

English-language translation of a non-English language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in §1.56(c), a copy of the translation accompanies this statement. 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c).

This statement should be considered because:

☒ This statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (b) because:

- (1) It is being filed within 3 months of the application filing date;
-- OR --
- (2) It is being filed within 3 months of entry of a national stage;
-- OR --
- (3) It is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action *on the merits*,
-- OR --
- (4) It is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action *after the filing of an RCE*

whichever occurs last.

☐ Although it may not qualify under subsection (b), this statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (c) because:

- (1) It is being filed before the mailing date of a FINAL Office Action and before a Notice of Allowance or another action closing prosecution (whichever occurs first)

-- AND (check at least one of the following) --

- ☐ (1) It is accompanied by the \$180 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p)
-- OR --
- ☐ (2) It is accompanied by a CERTIFICATION as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)
- ☐ §1.97(e)(1) The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.
- ☐ §1.97(e)(2) The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with §1.97(e)(2) that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certificate after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56 more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement

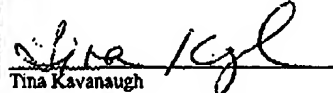
LAW OFFICES OF
MORRISON, KNOX, CHEN &
HOLD LLP
1762 Technology Drive
Suite 220
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone (408) 392-0520
Fax (408) 392-9262

☐ Although it may not qualify under subsection (b) or (c), this statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (d) because:

- (1) It is accompanied by a CERTIFICATION as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e);
-- AND --
- (2) It is accompanied by a STATEMENT TO ACCEPT INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d);
-- AND --
- (3) It is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p);
-- AND --
- (4) The Issue Fee has not been paid prior to the submission.

☒ **Fee Authorizations.** Although it is believed that no fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-2257.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.


Tina Kavanaugh

July 26, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

 #42,406
for

David S. Park
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 52,094

LAW OFFICES OF
MCKINNON, KIRCH, CHAN &
1160 LLP
1762 Technology Drive
Suite 224
San Jose, CA 95110
Telephone (408) 252-9520
Fax (408) 392-0262

PTQ/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0551-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1

of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/655,966
Filing Date	September 5, 2003
First Named Inventor	Harmesh K. Saini
Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	Joseph Drodge
Attorney Docket Number	M-15242 US

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
-----------------------	--------------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). *See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 801.04. *Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). *For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. *Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. *Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.